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# the Parthenon

Changes to the Student Handbook? Find out what's in store, Page 2

## Sorority movie ignites negative reactions

by REGINA FISHER  
Reporter

Campus sorority members met at the Delta Zeta house Monday to view a television movie that was described as "negative" and "stereotypical" by those who attended.

"Dying to Belong" aired on NBC from 9 to 11 p.m. Monday. The movie portrayed severe hazing incidents which resulted in the death of a sorority pledge.

Hazing is defined as "to initiate or

discipline fellow students by means of horseplay, practical jokes and tricks often in the nature of humiliating or painful ordeals and/or language," according to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. 1996 policy against hazing.

Christine Boggs, Barbourville senior and member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, said movies like this one perpetuate existing stereotypes about Greek life.

"This furthers the negative stereotype we already have," Boggs said.

"At Marshall we do not participate in hazing."

Kara Finch, Chesapeake sophomore and member of Delta Zeta, said, "What's scary to me is that people actually still think that sort of thing goes on, and it doesn't."

Each year, a standardized university form that expresses the penalties for hazing infractions must be signed by the president of each fraternity and sorority on campus, said Lisa Allen, program assistant for student life.

Jaime Maddy, Delta Zeta rush chairwoman, said that negative portrayals like this one make it difficult to get students to participate in Greek life.

"The things we do here are so far off from the way it looks in this movie," Maddy said. "If you were forced to do anything, I wouldn't be here; I don't think half of us would be here."

The movie also contained scenes that depicted sorority and fraternity

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## SGA passes allocation bills

by SARAH D. WARRICK  
reporter

Student Senate passed nine bills at last night's meeting, allocating funds to various student organizations.

David L. Wickham, Graduate School senator, and Adam M. Dean, College of Liberal Arts senator, sponsored the bill passed that will enable the student government to pay poll workers during next week's election.

Wickham said students will be paid minimum wage and can work whatever hours they are available. Applications for poll workers can be picked up in MSC, 2W29B.

The Student Council for Exceptional Children, Habitat for Humanity, the Lambda Society, Gamma Beta Phi, Delta Epsilon Chi, Theta Theta Omicron, and the Student Nurses Association were all allocated \$400.

A bill to allocate \$400 to Alpha Kappa Psi passed first reading. Bills by Alpha Phi Omega and People Reaching Out With Love (P.R.O.W.L.)

were tabled until next week's meeting due to insufficient information.

In other meeting news, House of Delegates member Arley R. Johnson, D-Cabell County, spoke of his plans to run for mayor of Huntington.

"The only population base that is truly growing in Huntington is the student population," he said.

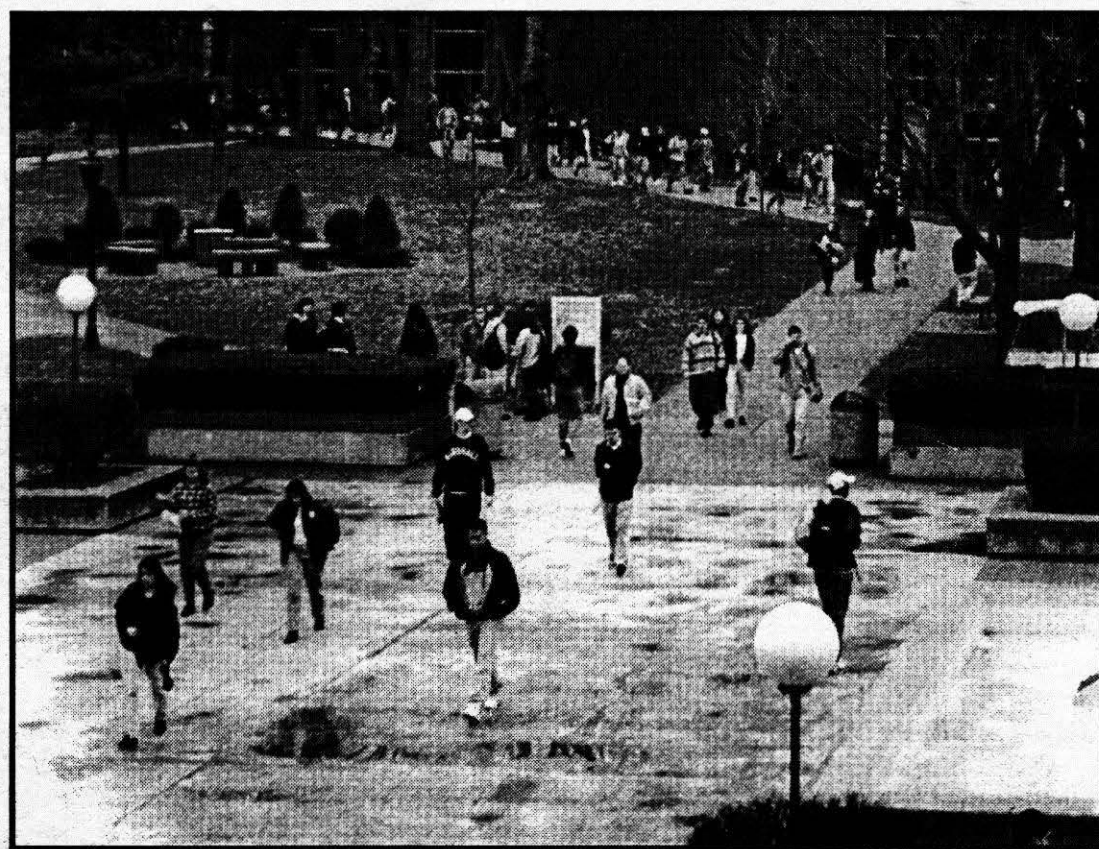
Johnson said without the economic support students offer, Huntington "would cease to exist."

Johnson said he would like to see the elimination of parking meters around campus, and a parking garage to be built on 3rd Avenue.

Johnson said he believes in a "metro government" where city and student government work together. "I would like to see a greater and better marriage between the Huntington city government and student government," he said.

Jacob E. Comer, Charleston sophomore, was voted in by the senate to be a Senate Associate.

## Follow the yellow brick road?



Jon Rogers

High-noon recently at the Memorial Student Center shows most students following one path—the path away from classes and toward food, rest, relaxation and maybe even the wizard.

## MU makes a deal for 'Blizzard of Bucks'

by REGINA FISHER  
Reporter

What would you do for \$500?

Would you stand on the stage at Marco's wearing large pink and white bunny ears and stuff marshmallows into your mouth while yelling out "Chubby Bunnies"?

If that's not offensive to your dignity, then you're a candidate for "Blizzard of Bucks," a game show coming to campus Thursday at 9 p.m. The show will be performed at Marco's in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

"It's a Hollywood-style game show; it's very glitzy and glamorous," said Ryan Kramer, entertainment con-

sultant for Kramer International, Inc., the agency that created the show.

"The show has a Hollywood-style backdrop with lights and music," Kramer said. "It's like a crazy version of 'Let's Make a Deal' and 'The Price is Right.'"

"The hosts remind participants of a comedic Pat Sajek and Vanna White," he said.

Christy Sinnett, president of Campus Entertainment Unlimited, said the show is similar to "You Laugh, You Lose," another Kramer International Inc. game show sponsored by CEU last year.

"Students sign up before the show and their names are drawn at random during the show by the hosts," Sinnett

said.

Twelve contestants will compete in three rounds of games for cash and T-shirt prizes, according to a press release from Kramer International Inc. The finalists compete in the bonus round for a chance to enter the "Incredible Money Machine."

Students who enter the machine are required to stop and start at the designated buzzer sound and to grab only the money which is airborne in the machine. Money taken from the floor or trapped against the side will not be counted as part of the prize, the press release stated.

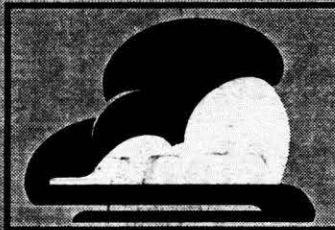
Kramer said a panel of stu-

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## Faculty Senate to consider amendments to handbook

by SARAH E. RIFFLE  
reporter

Recommendations ranging from amending the Student Handbook to increasing the base budget of the new library will be considered Thursday at the Faculty Senate meeting.

One proposed recommendation is to add a medical withdrawal section to the university withdrawal policy.

This proposal states that when students withdraw for medical reasons, their requests must be supported by an attending physician. The physician must document the reason for withdrawal and indicate that the student will be able to return.

Another recommended change to the Student Handbook would alter the currently approved WP-WF policy.

The amendment would eliminate the sentence stating students who withdraw from and pre-register for the same course will be administratively removed.

The current withdrawal policy already states that students who withdraw from high-demand courses during the W peri-

od are not permitted to pre-register for the same course.

Another recommendation would provide for an extra \$100,000 to expand the collection capacities of the new library.

According to the policy, the Marshall library system ranks last among peer institutions in material expenditures per student. The recommended change would increase the per student expenditures.

Also on the Faculty Senate agenda is a recommendation to approve a Proposed Action Plan for Marshall and the West Virginia Graduate College (WVGC).

The WVGC's Faculty Council and Marshall's Faculty Senate would study effects of the proposed merger.

Corresponding committees would compare and contrast areas of policy and procedure. They would then outline action to take as the proposed merger unfolds.

The recommendation states activities will be coordinated by the Executive Council of each institution.

The Faculty Senate meeting will begin at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Memorial Student Center's John Marshall Room.

## WVHEC to discuss pay raises

by NICOLE M. WRIGHT  
reporter

Pay raises, job security and retirement are among the topics for the members-only meeting of the West Virginia Higher Education Coalition (WVHEC) today.

The meeting begins at 4:45 p.m. in Memorial Student Center's Shawkey Room.

The public may attend, but must sign an enrollment card agreeing to pay \$5 a month for membership.

Speakers include three legislative delegates: House Speaker Robert Kiss; Jerry Mezzatesta, chairman of the House Education Committee; and Lloyd Jackson, chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

Discussion will include the strategic plan and consolidations, according to the WVHEC flier.

Members receive a regular newsletter, legislative representation at the state capitol and travel discounts. Also, members get the opportunity to network with education leaders throughout the state,

**N**on-members may pay \$5 to attend the members-only WVHEC meeting. The meeting begins at 4:45 p.m. in the MSC's Shawkey Room.

according to a WVHEC flier.

"There are about 800 members statewide and 132 at Marshall," said Brendan S. Leary, executive director of the higher education coalition.

WVHEC is a non-profit organization which uses dues money for printing, postage, travel and salaries, he said.

Leary said he is the only full-time WVHEC employee.

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## Poll finds Americans against human cloning

NEW YORK (AP) — Eight in 10 Americans believe it would be wrong to clone human beings, but a majority accepts the cloning of animals for medical research, a poll found.

The poll taken Monday night by telephone for ABC News' "Nightline" said Americans disapprove by 50 percent to 39 percent of the research in which Scottish scientists used the genetic material of an adult sheep to clone a lamb.

While 53 percent said such research should be allowed on animals, 87 percent said cloning of humans should not be allowed. Asked if cloning of animals is morally wrong, 44 percent said yes, 49 percent said no and the rest were unsure.

ABC polled 519 adults. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

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The letter, which the FBI received Monday, was one of two claims of responsibility for Friday's bombing at The Otherside Lounge, which injured five people.

Federal agents were examining a message left Saturday on the voice mail of the Phoenix-based Gay Community Yellow Pages that claimed that the "Sons of Confederate Klan, S.O.C.K., a new neo-Nazi KKK organization from Los Angeles" had bombed the club.

The letter promised future attacks on gays. "We're taking it seriously. We're looking into the validity of the letter and the claims that they're making," said Pamela Swanson, spokeswoman for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

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The naked bulb, which hangs from the ceiling, is celebrated in Ripley's Believe-It-or-Not and has attracted tourists from as far away as Japan and Australia to this city just east of Oakland.

Through earthquakes, fires and riots, the bulb has burned faintly with only short interruptions for the occasional power outage and a 23-minute respite in 1976 when the station moved locations. The bulb was brought along to the new building.

"We gave it (an emergency) code 3," firefighter Jim McCraw remembers. "We had all the trucks out with sirens and lights flashing. It was like the O.J. Simpson chase, we moved it so slowly down the street."

Now, it has become such an institution that the firefighters worry about the day it burns out.

"I'd hate to be on duty if that ever happens," McCraw said. "We'd all be brought in and interrogated."

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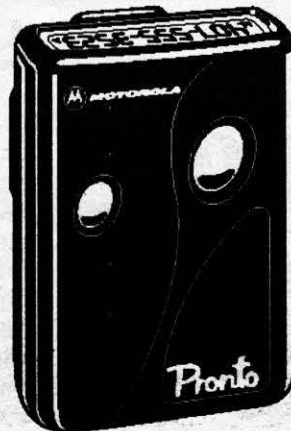
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**"G**reeks have the highest GPA on campus; if all those other things went on, we wouldn't be able to maintain that."

— junior Jessica Workman, member of the Delta Zeta sorority, on the stereotypes of hazing and alcohol abuse in Greek campus life

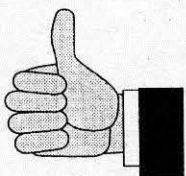
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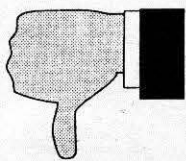
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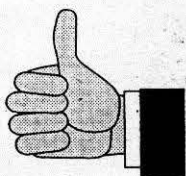
### Find out who gets a nod and who gets the ax



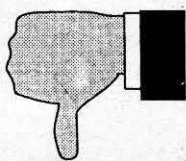
Thumbs up to the College Republicans, for maturely and responsibly handling the issue with their flier. It's content was at best questionable, but the group removed it from campus anyway.



Thumbs down to the HUGE black and yellow wooden signs on campus. Yes, SGA candidates need to get their names out in the open, but these signs only serve as an eyesore. At least they'll be gone after next week.



Thumbs up to outgoing president Nawar Shora. He has run a clean administration and has tried to get students involved since the day he was elected. He and his staff will be missed.



Thumbs down to professors who pile on assignments in spurts. This period in the semester is always a busy one because of tests, papers and projects, but professors need to realize that students have more than one class to deal with.

## Racism is not just black and white

joe LIMLE  
columnist

"Joe, are you a racist?"  
"What?!" I coughed and asked. "No, Bob, I'm not. What in the world brought that on?"

"Well, the College Republicans put up a flier that one of my friends thinks was pretty racist."

"What does this have to do with me?"

"Well, Joe, I know you're a Republican."

"Okay... um.. This is true; I do favor some Republican viewpoints, but you know, I vote whichever way I want. For the record, I'm Independent. What you're implying sounds a bit stereotypical, Bob. That's like saying all blacks are athletes and since you're black, Bob, you must be an athlete too. Isn't that a little stereotypical?"

"Well... yeah, I suppose. I just don't think that campus organiza-

tions should be able to put up offensive fliers."

"Bob, actually, the only thing they're guilty of is putting up a really bad photocopy. The picture in question was actually a picture of a white guy all punked out. So I guess if all the students on campus who have tattoos and body piercings want to claim the flyer to be offensive, it would be more accurate."

"Joe, that doesn't change the feeling that many African Americans on campus have about the flier and it's implications that a black man isn't a good leader."

Peering quizzically, I hummed.

"Seems to me almost the whole country was more than willing to elect Colin Powell for President."

"Yeah, but Joe, that's on a national level. I'm talking about campus level."

"Don't you think you're being a bit paranoid, Bob? You know, currently there are two African Americans running for Student Body President, Andre O'Neal and

Derek Anderson, and it's likely that one of them will win and be the first African American Student Body President in Marshall's history."

"So, who are you going to vote for?"

"Well, I'm voting for Derek Anderson."

"Why?"

"Well, one of his pledges in his campaign is to use his salary and the vice-president's salary for scholarships. That really impressed me."

"So..." Bob hummed. "But really, what's the chance that one of them will win?"

"I think it's pretty good, Bob."

"Well, Joe... maybe you're right. Maybe it was just a misunderstanding."

"Bob, I agree. And you know after all, those that are so quick to jump to accusations of racism are usually the same individuals who demand that tolerance. Wouldn't it be nice if those same individuals would show some tolerance themselves?"

## Student says stronger Greeks means stronger campus

Dear editor,

After reading the article about the interfraternity council working on improving their fraternities images, I see new hope for the Greek system at Marshall. Campuses around the country have outstanding fan support, alumni support, and very small cases of apathy due in large part to strong Greek systems.

One thing that the IFC is considering is the establishment of a minimum G.P.A. It only makes

sense, because if Greeks are supposed to be campus elites, the leaders, the community service oriented organizations, those members with below average grades simply bring their chapters down.

Rob Chase (Sigma Phi Epsilon), president of the IFC, is really working hard to find solutions to return Greek civilization at Marshall to its once dominant presence. In the late 1940s, 50s and 60s, Marshall did not have the apathy problem it has today be-

cause the Greek system was strong. Fraternities used to compete to see who showed the most school spirit. Solutions such as recruiting those with a certain grade point average is a good start. Continuing to set standards is definitely the right road to take. A strong Greek system builds strong alumni; strong alumni build buildings!

Matthew Ladd, freshman, candidate for senator, College of Business

## Senior urges students to wake up

It's time for everyone to realize, if you haven't already, this is not a student-oriented campus. We just pay money here, go to class, and play by the rules that are set forth for us to use. When SGA tries to change those rules to help students, they need your support. So when only 5-10 percent (if that much) of the student population vote, that does not give them much of a bargaining chip. Let's tell the truth here, when SGA tries to make a change, faculty senate has the final say. So on most of those student committees that make changes, SGA has only one vote compared to the five or more that faculty get. This makes it impossible to make any changes to help the students. Let's tell

some more truth here, most students really don't care until something affects them directly. Then when something happens that affects the whole campus, it is too late to do anything about it. We are all in this together, like it or not. So when one voice speaks out, it is easy not to be heard or be pushed to the side. The old adage "united we stand divided we fall" is so true for our campus. I know that this is a commuter-based school and your time is limited. If you could find one hour a week to get involved it would be great. When I was a senator I loved people to come to SGA with a problem, and it didn't matter if they talked to me or bitched me out. SGA is there for you, but you

have to give them the chance. So go vote together for a change, go bitch together for a change, and please go stand together for a change. Remember, the key word is "together."

James "Doug" Leeber  
Beckley senior

the Parthenon welcomes letters to the editor concerning issues of interest to the Marshall community. Letters must be limited to 250 words, typed, signed and include a phone number, hometown, class rank or other title verification.

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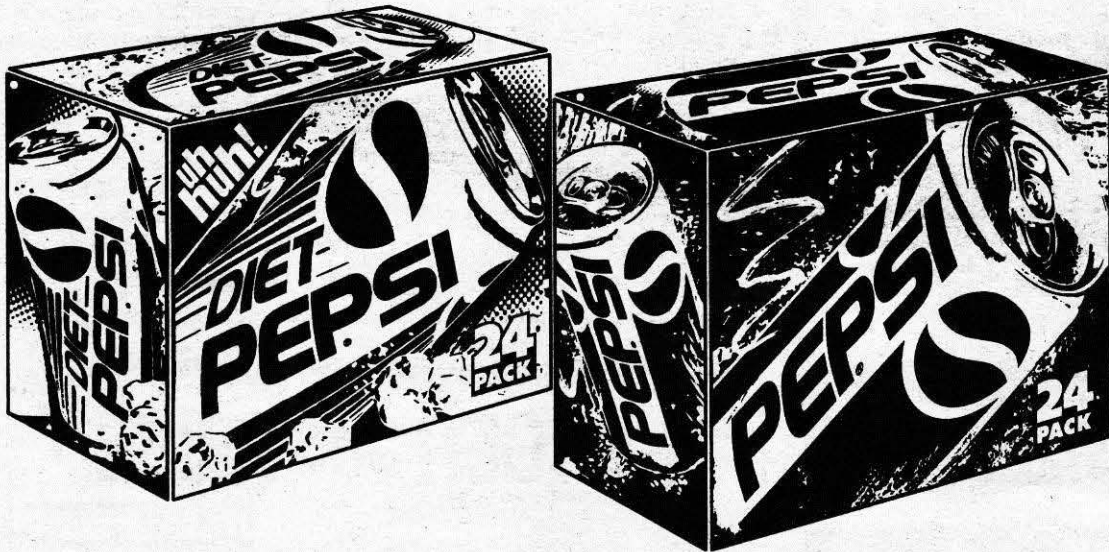
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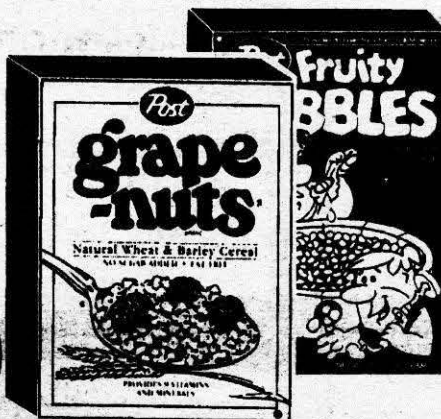
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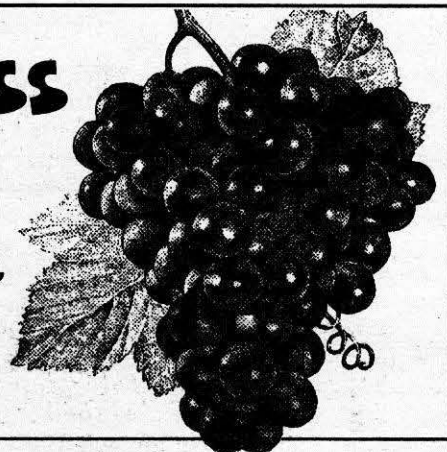
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## MOVIE

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members drinking alcohol at large parties in their houses.

"It's so easy for people who don't know anything about it to form these negative stereotypes, but it's not like that at all," said Mary Lauren Brown, Huntington sophomore and member of Sigma Sigma Sigma. "Our national offices have strict policies against alcohol."

Jessica Workman, a Delta Zeta junior from Hamlin, said that although Greek life is often looked at in a negative way, the positive should be focused on more often.

"Greeks have the highest GPA on campus; if all those other things went on, we wouldn't be able to maintain that," she said.

Tracie Davis, a Phi Mu

senior from Kenna, said that the movie was not at all accurate.

"It's very untrue and off-course about the way things are here," Davis said.

Kim Baur, Cincinnati senior and member of Delta Zeta, said that sorority life can be a very rewarding experience.

"I didn't know anyone when I came here," Baur said. "The sorority has become my home away from home."

Anni Lee, Winfield sophomore and member of Delta Zeta, said the movie showed negative sides of sisterhood and unity.

"A sorority is sisterhood, but you don't have to be cruel to achieve that," Lee said.

## BUCKS

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dent judges will be selected from the audience to determine if the rules are followed and to assist in deciding the winners.

"The machine is about nine feet tall and the winner has from 25 to 60 seconds to grab all the money he or she can," Kramer said. "Some of the bills are marked as bonus bucks and are worth up to three times the actual amount."

"All in all you can win up to \$500, but we guarantee \$250 will be won at your campus," he said.

**The Parthenon—We know how to make changes!**

## Marshall to host 'kiddie college'

by WHITNEY A. GIBEAUT  
reporter

Children's and Teen's College will be offered next month through the Continuing Education Program in the Community and Technical College.

Richard Hensley, director of Continuing Education, said programs will be offered Saturdays from March 1 through 22. The registration deadline is Monday. Registration may be done by mail to the office of Continuing Education or by phone at 696-3011.

"Classes will be divided into

segments by age groups," Hensley said. He said the kindergarten level children will explore the magical and unseen effects of magnetism and art, as well as concentrating on improving skills of vowel sounds and participating in role-playing.

Hensley said fees for students are divided: for kindergarten and first grade the prices range from \$25 to \$60 depending on how many classes the student enrolls in. For second grade though middle school, the prices range from \$36 to \$60. Classes will be in Harris Hall Room 139.

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# Sports

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## Women enter SC tourney

The women's basketball team begins its play in the Southern Conference tournament tonight at 7 p.m. in the Henderson Center against the Western Carolina Catamounts. The winner will advance to play either Appalachian State or UT-Chattanooga Saturday in the conference tournament at Greensboro, N.C.

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## Baseball team wins at home

by NAWAR W. SHORA  
reporter

The Thundering Herd baseball team proved that it can win against more comparable challengers.

It defeated Ohio University yesterday. The team held an 0-6 record before the double header.

The losing record could be mostly attributed to two powerhouses from the South.

The first three games were against the nationally ranked University of Alabama Feb. 14, 15 and 16.

Coach Craig Antush said "We were clearly over-matched, but we showed signs that we're an improved team."

Last weekend, the Herd traveled south again, this time to face another proven competitor, the Florida State Seminoles in Tallahassee.

Again, the team was over-matched and lost in three consecutive games.

After last week's losses, Antush said, "The first two opponents we just take the lumps and bruises and find out what our weaknesses are," he said.

"It's a huge learning experience for the staff and players and the program itself."

Yesterday, the team broke its losing streak with two wins over Ohio University in its opening home game.

The team played about four miles off campus at St. Clouds Commons.

In the first game, the Herd defeated Ohio University by a score of 3-4.

Marshall pulled a close victory away in the second game, managing to finish the game 2-1 over Ohio University.

Antush said last week the team would perform better

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— coach Craig Antush

once it got into a more comparable schedule. And indeed he proved those words in yesterday's games.

The baseball team still has a long way to go. The Southern Conference tournament is not until April 24, and the team has yet to play a team from the Southern Conference.

Its first conference game will be this Saturday. The team will play a double header against Virginia Military Institute.

On Sunday a third game will be played. These will be Marshall's first in conference home games.

## Herd preps for MAC

by DEREK S. CHAPMAN  
reporter

Marshall will be at the Mid-American Conference Tournament a year earlier than expected.

Marshall basketball teams will play in their last Southern Conference Tournament this week, but next week, members of Marshall's Athletic Department will be at the MAC Tournament for a joint committee meeting between athletic directors from MAC schools and members of the Faculty Athletic Representatives said Barbara Burke, associate athletic director.

Marshall sports teams will begin competing in the MAC in the fall of 1997.

Burke also said that there are several preparations being made as Marshall prepares to leave the Southern Conference when the spring sports have run their course.

"Academically, it [the MAC] is a little stronger conference," Burke said. "Student athletes are required to have a 1.8 grade point average, and that is supposed to advance to a 2.0 the next year."

Burke said that there will be more changes taking place other than higher academic standards for student athletes. There will be changes in the size of squads and travel arrangements, too.

"We are confirming travel arrangements and places that the teams will be staying. These were all things that we got used to with the Southern Conference, but now they have to change," Burke said.

"There will be changes in forms and insignias, too. Those are things that people normally do not think about."

Burke said that sports schedules will be discussed at next week's meeting, as well as general concerns.

"The purpose of these meetings is to keep everyone in line and make sure that everyone is on the same page," Burke said.

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## Come out & play

### At work and at play

Marshall students are performing a collection of four plays and one musical this weekend during "Play Works '97." The plays, which are described as modern and more "adult" than usual, are mostly unpublished and three will be directed by students.

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## the Parthenon

# TOMMY

"Tommy, can you hear me?"

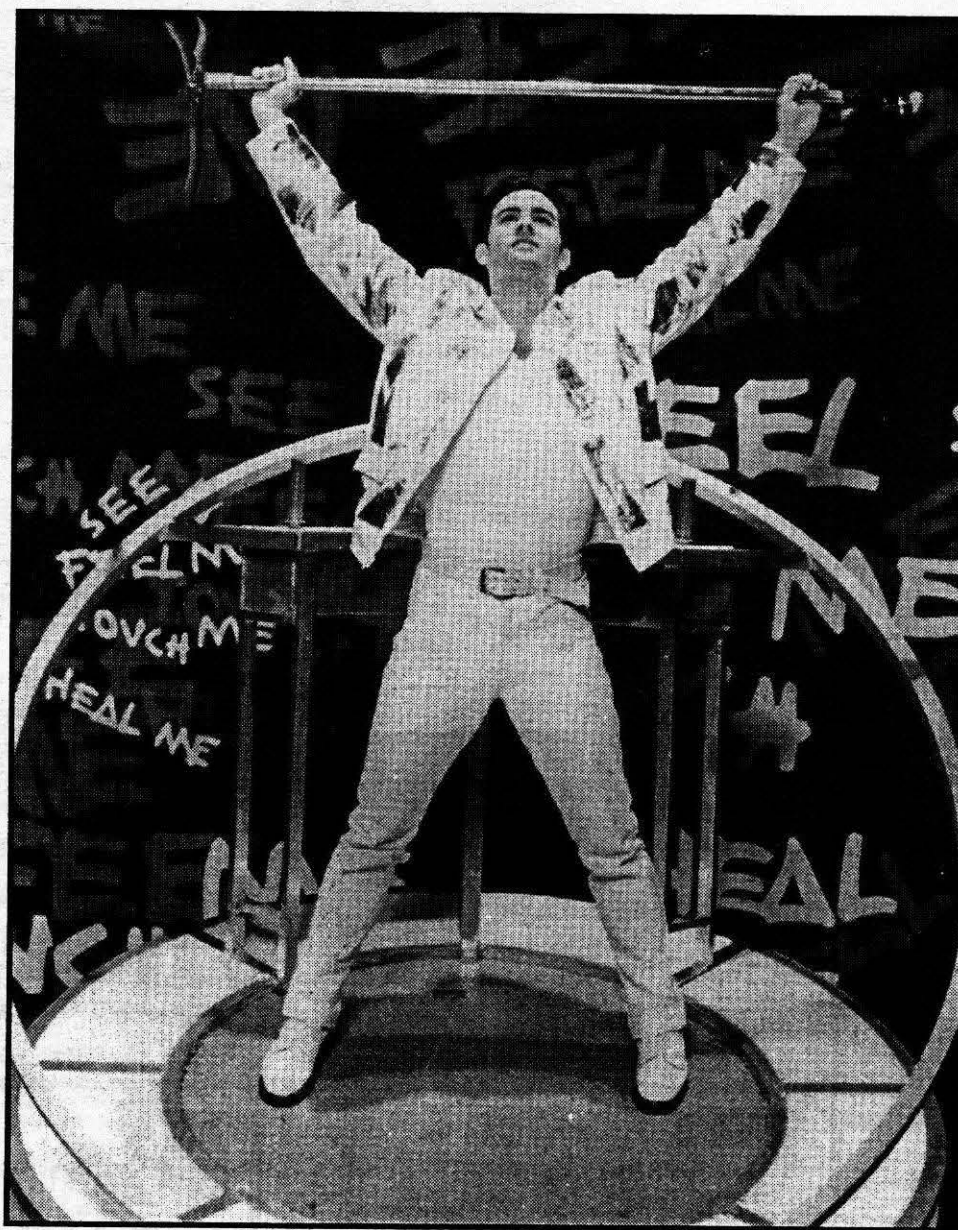
Maybe not, but Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre, a Huntington audience will be able to hear Tommy and others sing their questions and answers in the Broadway musical "The Who's Tommy."

"Tommy," brought to Huntington by the Marshall Artists Series, is the Broadway version of a "rock opera" concept album released by The Who in 1969. The main character of the story is a boy who is struck deaf, dumb and blind after witnessing a murder reflected in a mirror, according to a news release from Big League Theatricals.

The story follows Tommy as he encounters cruel treatment, a variety of characters, and becomes famous as a pinball champion called the "Pinball Wizard," according to information provided by the artists series.

He eventually breaks through his silence and becomes even more popular when his recovery is sensationalized. Others want to be like him, but he wants to be more like them, and when his popularity abruptly falls, he is finally content.

Jim McDermott, promotions specialist for the artists series, said response to "Tommy" has been "incredible." He credits Celeste Winters, former artist series director, for recognizing "Tommy" as a hit for Huntington.



Davis Kirby is shown portraying Tommy in Big League Theatricals production of "The Who's Tommy." Thursday's performance at the Keith-Albee Theatre is sold out, but some tickets may become available Thursday morning. For more information, contact the Marshall Artists Series at 696-6656.

"She knew it would work well for our audience," he said.

Student tickets went on sale Feb. 6, followed by general public tickets Feb. 13. Tickets are now sold out.

McDermott said students can check about returned tickets Thursday morning, but "there will probably be very little, if any, to redistribute."

Part of the response may be due to what McDermott called "a very strong connection" between Huntington and the musical.

Michael Cerveris, a Huntington native, was the original star of "Tommy" when it debuted on Broadway, McDermott said.

Some of the songs Cerveris and his castmates sang included "Pinball Wizard," "The Acid Queen," and "I Believe My Own Eyes," a new ballad written by The Who guitarist Pete Townshend, according to the news release.

"Tommy" merchandise, including posters and T-shirts, will be available at the performance.

The Marshall Artists Series office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. More information may be obtained by calling 696-6656.

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